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Honorable Nancy L. Johnson  
House of Representatives  
227 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Congresswoman Johnson:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern that certain cable operators' proposals to discontinue carriage of Connecticut's commercial television stations would violate the 1992 Cable Act.

Pursuant to Congressional mandate, the Commission has adopted must-carry rules (see enclosure) which provide that television stations located in the same Arbitron-assigned Area of Dominant Influence (ADI) as the cable system generally qualify for must-carry status. If a cable system serves communities in more than one county and those counties are assigned to different ADIs, the

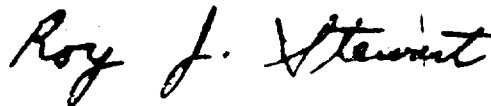
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ADI designations will be set for a three-year period designed to coincide with the must-carry/retransmission consent election schedule, but the Commission may add or subtract communities from a broadcast station's television market upon written request. We will consider requests for such market modifications submitted either by a television station or a cable system using the special relief procedures of 47 C.F.R. Section 76.7. We will begin accepting these petitions following the publication of the must-carry/retransmission consent order in the Federal Register. Moreover, as provided in the statute, we will require that the status quo be maintained with respect to a station that is the subject of a petition before us during the pendency of our consideration of the matter.

I trust that the foregoing and the enclosure are informative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy J. Stewart".

Roy J. Stewart  
Chief, Mass Media Bureau

Enclosure

NANCY L. JOHNSON  
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The Honorable James H. Quello  
Acting Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Quello:

I am writing to make you aware of my deep concern regarding programming changes proposed by Cablevision of Connecticut and Cablevision of Southern Connecticut.

These cable television systems recently informed several Connecticut television stations, which provide local programming to thousands of viewers, of their intent to stop carrying these stations on their cable systems. The cable systems claim that capacity problems exist and, therefore, they must eliminate "duplicative broadcasts" in order to make room for new "unduplicative broadcasting."

Congress passed the Cable Act in 1992 to regulate the behavior of the cable industry. To address problems in local viewing areas, Congress included language prohibiting cable companies from cancelling broadcaster programming in the broadcaster's local markets. The Cablevision requests violate this directive and would cut off access to several important Connecticut television channels to many Connecticut residents.

Cablevision's intention to create a "Connecticut" channel notwithstanding, I strongly urge you to reject this type of maneuver and look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

*Nancy L. Johnson*  
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Member of Congress

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February 26, 1993

Mr. James Quello  
Acting Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
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Dear Chairman Quello:

I am writing you at the request of WHSW-TV in Baltimore, Maryland. It is my understanding that based on language included in the "Cable Television and Consumer Protection and Competition Act" passed by Congress last year, the FCC is currently reviewing the 'Must Carry' status of stations, like WHSW-TV, that primarily broadcast shopping services.

For your information in the process of the FCC review, WHSW-TV on every other Sunday broadcasts a public affairs show that I produce in Washington, "Cardin on Congress". This program is similar to those recorded by many Congresspeople for airing in their home districts. I host each half-hour show and usually have two guests, another Member of Congress and a local expert from Maryland, discussing issues pending before the House of Representatives. I have also been a guest a number of times on the public affairs show, "In your Interest", that WHSW-TV produces and airs in Baltimore.

I hope this information will prove of value to the FCC Commissioners in determining the public interest value of WHSW-TV and other home shopping stations' broadcasts. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Christopher Lynch of my Washington staff, if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

*Ben Cardin*  
Benjamin L. Cardin  
Member of Congress

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cc: Ken Becker, WHSW-TV